

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2331 - HB 2590

March 30, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (016795): Requires a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody for the commission of an offense that would be considered a misdemeanor if committed by an adult and issues a citation to the child in lieu of continued custody to make efforts to contact a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child if the officer deems it to be appropriate.

Requires on-site facility supervisors-in-charge at certain facilities which house juveniles to report to the state House of Representatives member and the state Senate member for the legislative district in which the facility is located, upon an escape by certain juveniles who are accused or adjudicated to be delinquent or upon a security breach at such facility. Specifies the manner and order-of-priority by which all reports of escapes and security breaches are to be reported by facility supervisors-in-charge.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Granting a law enforcement officer the ability to contact the guardian of a child in their custody will not have an impact of law enforcement resources.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-116(j) requires an on-site facility supervisor-in-charge to report an escape or security breach to DCS and the chief law enforcement officer of the county in which the facility is located.
- The proposed legislation would require reports to DCS and chief law enforcement officers to be made by phone.
- Requiring supervisors-in-charge to also send reports on escapes and security breaches to members of the General Assembly by email will not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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